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Organized on the 30th of August, 1915.

The following shows the number of members and the cash on hand December 31st, the past three years:

	Members	Cash on Hand.
Dec. 31, 1915,	1,738	\$ 4,083.34
Dec. 31, 1916,	15,337	7,740.87
Dec. 31, 1917,	27,431	27,175.45
Summary of claims paid for 1917:		
75 Claims for Fire	\$12,601.70	
257 Claims for Liability	23,514.22	
124 Claims for Theft	22,822.99	
Total	\$58,938.91	

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W. E. ROBB, Secretary

Howell, Michigan

Gerhardt's Store News

Petticoat Sale

This week we offer 20 dozens of petticoats at special prices which we cannot duplicate.

\$7.50 changeable silk taffetas and Belding's best satin in many colors at **\$5.98**

\$3.75 petticoats with satin and taffeta flounces—exceptional values at **\$3.19**

\$2.50 petticoats in fancies, also washable sateens in white and light shades at **\$2.19**

A line of black petticoats at \$2.00, for week **\$1.69**

\$1.50 skirts in fancies at **\$1.29**

These Prices only to Saturday Night

J. A. GERHARDT

SUMNER

Mrs. Ida Giles has been quite ill for the past week but is much better at the present writing.

Mevin McClenathan is working at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hicks and daughter, Velma, returned to Lansing Monday after a several days visit here with their parents.

Len Strins has moved into Ben Shaver's tenant house and will work for him this summer.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams passed away Thursday. The funeral services were held from the residence and interment was made in the Summer cemetery. Friends extend their sympathy.

Mrs. Verne Stoffs returned from Alma Saturday, where she had been spending several days visiting with her mother, Mrs. Clifford Gee.

Mrs. Lillian Pelton, who has been visiting with friends here for several days, returned to her home in Belding Saturday.

Will Jack, who has been spending the winter in the south, has returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ray Monk of Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruskin of Alma Sunday.

H. N. Sams and wife went to Stanton Sunday, where they spent the day with their son, Alfred, and family.

Mrs. Jennie Woodward of Alma was a weekend guest at a friend's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell of Alma were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Stoffs.

William Phillips and wife were in Carson City on business Saturday.

Fred Cook and family were Alma visitors Saturday.

John Spitzley of Iowa was here on business Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Plank who has been spending the winter in Ohio has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Lucy Henderson was a weekend guest of relatives in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGinn of Lansing have been spending a few days here, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Will Kilen.

A number of young people from her visited the scene of the railroad wreck at Riverdale Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Goldfuss of Ohio, is visiting her brother, Fred Cook, this week.

Harry Shaffer of Crystal was calling on friends here last week.

Jeff Lang of Alma spent Saturday and Sunday here, a guest at the home of his parents.

Richard Lang and wife and Will Jones of Alma have been spending a few days here, guests at the home of Miss Sibyl Jones.

BRECKENRIDGE

C. A. Hopkins and wife were in Bay City Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert L. Baldwin was a passenger to St. Louis Monday afternoon.

E. F. Hoke was in St. Louis Wednesday on business.

C. W. Fza motored to Saginaw Friday.

Chester Jenkins returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., Thursday.

Frank Hulford has a new Overland car purchased of Hodge Bros.

Ed. Earl and wife visited Lee Watson and wife Sunday.

O. H. Bailey and family visited O. W. Smith and wife Sunday.

A. F. Crawford and Lee Watson were in Ithaca on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Alex Chisholm was a St. Louis shopper Monday afternoon.

Fred Cressey, who is employed in Flint spent Sunday with his family here.

Will Watson and family of Wheeler spent Sunday with his son, Lee Watson, and wife at this place.

G. F. Huntoon has purchased a Ford touring car.

Miss Allie Watson and Floyd McIntosh of Wheeler spent Sunday at the home of Lee Watson and wife.

Mrs. R. L. Baldwin entertained the Young Ladies' club at her pleasant home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elmer Weed and two sons left Thursday morning for Norfolk, Va., to join Mr. Weed who has been there since January 1st employed on a government job.

C. W. Giddings of St. Louis was a business caller in Breckenridge Wednesday.

Mrs. H. C. Mead and sister, Miss Flo McLeod, were in Alma Monday morning.

J. B. Crawford and family of Ithaca motored to Breckenridge Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Breckenridge Tuesday, April 8th, a 12 pound boy.

Mrs. H. A. Stetler and Miss L. Knorr were in Saginaw Friday afternoon.

W. E. Swope and family and Milo McLaughlin of Riverdale motored to Breckenridge Sunday.

Lant Kane was taken to Pompeii early Sunday morning for an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Chas. Ashdown who has spent the past week with her niece, Miss Roberta Reed, returned home Monday.

The funeral of Henry Wrath, eldest son of David Wrath, was held in the Cong'l church Saturday afternoon.

The death of Mrs. John Mitchell, mother of Dean Mitchell of Alma college, occurred at her home in Lafayette township on Wednesday morning.

ELM HALL

Mrs. James Toy was called to Toledo, Ohio, Thursday by the serious illness of her brother.

Mrs. John Showman is spending a few days in Detroit.

Norman Coffin went to Alma Saturday for a week's treatment at Brainard's hospital.

John Bollinger is taking treatment at Dr. MacLachlain's sanitarium in Elwell.

Dr. and Mrs. Winters visited in Alma the last of the week.

Mrs. Woodard of Alma spent last week with Mrs. Pratt.

Mrs. Frank Duffo went to Saginaw Thursday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Pratt went to Battle Creek Friday to spend some time with Frank Pratt.

Fred Elliot and family of Alma spent the week end with his parents, Chas. Elliot and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pick and children of Ann Arbor are spending sometime with his parents, O. H. Sly and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford of Alma spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Hattie Pratt.

Mrs. Geo. Bailey and daughter, Corrie, of Elwell spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Alice Butcher.

O. G. Tuttle and wife of Ithaca called on Mrs. Jennie Blair Sunday afternoon.

STRAIGHTFORWARD TESTIMONY

Many Alma Citizens Have Profited by It.

If you have lankache, urinary troubles, days of dizziness, headaches or nervousness, strike at the root of the trouble. These are often the symptoms of weak kidneys and there is grave danger in delay. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney ailments — are endorsed by over 50,000 people. Your neighbors recommend this remedy — have proved its merit in many tests. Alma residents should take fresh courage in the straightforward testimony of an Alma citizen.

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To get his best a man must have sound, refreshing sleep. When wakeful and restless at night he is in no condition for work or business during the day. Wakefulness is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Try a dose of these tablets and see how much better you feel with a clear head and good digestion.

Circulation counts—we have it.

A Good Recipe for Corn Meal Muffins

1 cup Rowena Corn Meal.
¾ cup Lily White Flour.
3 teaspoons Baking Powder.
1 teaspoon salt.
¾ cup molasses.
1 cup milk.
1 beaten egg.
1 tablespoon melted fat.

Sift the dry ingredients, mix the milk and molasses and add to the first mixture. Then stir in the beaten egg and melted fat. Bake about 25 minutes. All measurements are accurate level ones.

Be sure to specify

Rowena Corn Meal

when ordering corn meal because it is manufactured from strictly choice yellow kiln-dried yellow corn and the meal is sterilized before sacking.

Rowena Corn Meal is sweet when you get it and will remain so on account of sterilization.

It is a beautiful golden yellow in color and the granulation is perfect.

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DRESS TROUSERS

When your suit begins to show wear, it is common sense and patriotic economy to tide over with a pair of extra trousers. \$3.70 Value Men's and Young Men's medium weight mixed worsted Trousers, assorted plain and fancy gray stripe **\$2.50**

\$4.00 Value Trousers for general wear, of hard finished Worsteds, close weave Cassimeres and Kerseys, sizes 32 to 44 waist. **\$2.95**

\$4.75 Value Trousers, new patterns in hard twist Worsteds and Blue Serge. **\$3.50**

\$5.25 Value Trousers, fine quality all wool Worsteds and Serges—finest linings and trimmings. Special **\$3.95**

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Golf shapes in latest patterns. **48c 95c \$1.15**

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\$8.00 Value Men's Dress Raincoat, made in latest military style, Khaki color, double fabric, adjustable self collar, seams taped and cemented, a stylish and serviceable shower proof garment, special **\$5.95**

RAINCOAT SPECIAL NO. 2.

\$6.75 Value Extra Heavy Raincoat for Farmers, Teamsters, etc., brown, tough weave twill, double texture, seams taped and cemented, built for hard service. Special **\$4.95**

RAINCOAT SPECIAL NO. 3.

\$12.50 Value Raincoats, choice of dark Oxford Gray, Navy Blue and Khaki in latest military models, fine weave all wool worsteds, double fabric, well cut and well tailored, special **\$9.75**

RAINCOAT SPECIAL NO. 4.

\$9.50 Value Extra Heavy Raincoat for Farmers, Teamsters, etc., double fabric, outside of fine quality Covert lined with fine linen twill, all seams reinforced, taped and cemented, patent "water-tight" fly front. Special **\$6.95**

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\$15.50 Value SUITS for Men and Young Men **\$11.75**

\$20.00 Value SUITS for Men and Young Men **\$14.50**

\$23.00 Value SUITS for Men and Young Men **\$16.50**

\$26.00 Value SUITS for Men and Young Men **\$18.50**

\$2.00 Value Navy Blue Percale SHIRTS, with 2 stiff collars to match—railroad men and machinists. Special **1.45**

\$2.00 Value Men's Full Blk OVERALLS, heavy weight denim. Special **1.59**

\$1.25 Value Men's NIGHT SHIRTS, full roomy cut, fine white muslin, fancy braid trim. Special **79c**

\$1.25 Value Boys' Coverall Playsuits, navy blue denim, with white stripe, drop seat. Special **95c**

65c Value Men's HEAVY SUSPENDERS, leather ends, live elastic. Special **39c**

BOYS' SUITS—\$1.00 Values in tough weave mixed Cassimeres, Nobby Norfolk models. Special **2.95**

MEN'S FINE DRESS HOSIERY

55c Value HOSE mercerized lisle, reinforced foot, black and colors, Special **25c**

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45c Value Dress HOSE, French lisle, shaped foot and top, assorted colors, Special **33c**

55c Value Dress HOSE, best grade silk finished lisle. Black only. Special **39c**

65c Value Silk Plaited HOSE, very sheer and fine, double thread sole, assorted colors. Special **45c**

\$1.00 Value Pure Silk HOSE, fine quality, knit to fit, assorted fast colors. Special **69c**

SYNTEX SILK SHIRTS

\$6.50 Value Negligee SHIRTS, soft cuffs in fine weave, lustrous and durable SynTex Silks—beautiful Satin stripe and French Crepe effects. Wide range of colors in plain and combination stripe patterns. Special **4.65**

BOYS' RAINCOATS

\$4.00 Value Boys' Raincoats, Oxford Gray, double texture, thoroughly waterproof. Hat to match included. Sizes 6 to 10 years. Special **2.95**



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